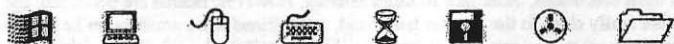


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## from the desk of the Managing Editor

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As Kermit the Frog once said, "Time's fun when you're having flies!" Can you believe that summer is over already? I don't know about you, but I've still got some antenna work to finish so I'll be ready for the coming winter. True, some progress has been made: The 36-foot pole is in place and I'm nearly ready to hang some wire. (Yes, the Alpha-Delta DX-A is going to get put up, finally!) If only I could get them to fix the noisy transformer on the second pole down! I can already hear the difference in reception between antennas mounted at the front of the house (near the road and the electric wires) and antennas mounted at the rear of the house (near the cow pasture).

In other news: I recently discovered (thanks to a friend) a new license-free personal radio service, MURS, on high-band VHF. So far it appears to have a maximum range of about 20 miles under ideal conditions, more like 10 miles reliably. However: Beams are permitted, the frequencies are really close to the 2 meter ham band, and a friend has a small beam he isn't going to use, so we'll see what happens. Usage appears to be minimal so far.

If the continuing solar flatulence doesn't wipe out the possibility, watch 48m for the Euros during the Autumn; for some reason they seem to make it best this time of year.

Don't forget: The A\*C\*E has an Awards Program to reward you for verifying the pirate and clandestine stations. Support your club and collect good-looking certificates at the same time. Contact Chris Lobdell and say, "Huh? I didn't know that!"

PLEASE! Make a note of Lee's new mailing and email addresses!

Onward..!

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## LATE LOGS

### KIPM

- 08/03/03, 0230+, 6955U. (DC-PA Good)

### Sunshine Radio?

- 08/11/03, 0135, 6925U. (WH-IL 122)

### UNID

- 08/17/03, 0205, 6950U. (WH-IL 122)
- 08/18/03, 0150, 6950U. (WH-IL 244)

### WHYP

- 08/16/03, 0050-0222+, 6925L. (GM-CT 323)

## FROM ACROSS THE POND

zero, zip, zilch

## NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

### Captain Fred's World Cruise ([ampb@california.com](mailto:ampb@california.com))

- 09/06/03, 0850+, 6955U – mx – Rob Zombie cover of a Ramones song. Mention of "The Association of Micro-Power Broadcasters." (RE-CA Good)

### Enjoy Radio ()

- 09/07/03, 0236-0350, 6925A – IDs, weak. (WS-TN Poor)

### Iron Man Radio (Belfast or [ironmanradio@hotmail.com](mailto:ironmanradio@hotmail.com))

- 08/25/03, 0117-0149, 6925A – mx – Janis Joplin. (WH-IL 244) (WS-TN Good)

### Juan Valdez Radio ()

- 09/15/03, 2329, 6925U – mx – Blues. Accented station ID. (AF Poor)

### KIPM (Elkhorn)

- 09/05/03, 2338-0118\*, 6925U – The Truth Show. (WH-IL 144) (WS-TN Good) (GZ-OH 242)
- 09/06/03, 0123-0222, 6925U – The Evil Show - a discussion of God, good, evil and Herman Melville's attitude towards such. (AF Poor) (WH-IL 154) (JM-WA Good) (WS-TN Good) (GZ-OH 242) (DC-PA Good) (RE-CA Good)

- 09/06/03, 0223-0405, 6925U – He Who Shrank. (WH-IL 154)(JM-WA Good)(WS-TN Good)(GZ-OH 242)(DC-PA Good)(RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 0424-0528, 6925U – Alan Maxwell's Talking Mushroom. (WH-IL 144)(RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 0529-0629, 6925U – The Secret Bonus Show. (WH-IL 144)(RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 0631-0720, 6925U – The Hollow Earth Bonus Show. (WH-IL 144)(RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 0722-0814+, 6925U – The Dead Zone. (WH-IL 154)(RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 1058-1100+, 6950U – Alan Maxwell's Talking Mushroom. (RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 1108-1203+, 6925L – The Evil Show. (RE-CA Good)
- 09/06/03, 1220-1235\*, 6925L – Entropy. (RE-CA Fair)
- 09/07/03, 0058, 6945U – The War Hounds. (JM-WA Good)
- 09/07/03, 0115-0147, 6935U – commentary upon intrinsic values, extrinsic existence and poison gas. (AF Good)(WH-IL 254)
- 09/07/03, 0211-0214, 6944U – show started, ended abruptly at 0214. (GM-CT 444)
- 09/07/03, \*0318-0412\*, 6925U – "The Question". (GZ-OH 353)(RE-CA Fair)
- 09/07/03, 0420, 6925U – The Evil Show. (WH-IL 244)
- 09/07/03, 0533, 6925U (WH-IL 133)
- 09/07/03, 1100, 6925U – Alan Maxwell's Talking Mushroom. (WH-IL 254)

#### KPSA ()

- 09/06/03, 0407-0421, 6925U – "All PSAs - all the time!" Arbor Day, Fatherhood, Crime Dog. (WH-IL 144)(JM-WA Good)(WS-TN Good)

#### KRMI ()

- 09/14/03, 0255, 6925L – mx – from video games. (WS-TN Fair)

#### Maryanne Calling (none)

- 09/16/03, 0104, 6925A – mx – "Keep On Dancing", "I'm the Man". Comments from Bozo, a dedication to Maryanne herself. (AF Good)

#### Oxycontin Radio ()

- 08/30/03, 0100-0220, 6925A – mx – Blues, Metal. Running 175 Watts. (AF Poor)(WH-IL 254)(WS-TN Good)(DC-PA Good)

#### Partial India Radio (Providence)

- 08/21/03, 0015-0030, 6925A – the secret history of PIR, Wiener reincarnation, a loan of three engineers to Radio Pakistan. (AF Good)(DC-PA Good)
- 09/08/03, 0135-0205, 6925A – talk about Bozo and DXer telephone numbers, a special QSL, the difficulty of hearing Radio Pakistan as opposed to PIR. (AF Poor)(GZ-OH 353 – AI reports AM, George reports USB...)
- 09/15/03, 0127-0153, 6925U – mx – sitar. Good parodies and discussion about past PIR programming. (RC-MA Good)(WS-TN Good)

#### Purple Nucleus Of Creation (Elkhorn)

- 09/07/03, 0025-0051, 6950U – mx – New Age. (JM-WA Good)(WS-TN Good)
- 09/07/03, 1124-1245, 6925U – mx – strange. RFPI spoof, World of Radio spoof. (WH-IL 254)

#### (Clandestine:) Radio Free Cascadia International (See Ramblings)

- 09/14/03, 0058-0116, 15045A – commentary on Latin America in Spanish and English. (WS-TN Fair)
- 09/15/03, 0045-0123, 15045A – mx – World and Indie mixed in with OM and YL commentaries about protests of the recent WTO convention and a walkout. Significant coverage regarding the related death of a Korean farmer protesting WTO. (RC-MA Poor)

#### Ragnar Radio (ragnarradio@yahoo.com)

- 09/14/03, 1227, 6925L – mx – Irish, Warren Zevon. (AF Poor)

#### Shadow Radio (the\_shadow6950@hotmail.com)

- 09/07/03, 0054-0139, 6950U – an old time radio show. (AF Poor)(WH-IL 132)(WS-TN Good)

#### Sunshine Radio ()

- 08/26/03, 0240-0308, 6950U – mx – 70's Soft Rock. Female DJ. (WH-IL)

#### The Voice Of The Abnormal (Elkhorn)

- 09/07/03, 1247-1316, 6925U – mx – "Weird", "Frustrated", "Thorazine Shuffle." (WH-IL 154)

#### The Voice Of The Penguin ()

- 08/31/03, 0115-0227, 6950U – mx – Sesame Street arithmetic songs. (AF Fair)(WS-TN Fair)(DC-PA Fair – Don reported this as "UK" but, given the time and frequency, it was almost certainly this station he caught)

#### Tuna Radio ()

- 09/06/03, 0120-0123, 6925U – heard in a brief QSO with KIPM during a break of a few minutes in the KIPM marathon, claiming to be in Texas. "You can tune a ?, but you can't Tuna Radio!" (WS-TN Fair)

#### Undercover Radio (undercoverradio@mail.com)

- 09/07/03, ????, 6925U – a Laurie Anderson program. (WH-IL 254)

#### Voodoo Radio (Belfast or vudul1@hotmail.com)

- 08/28/03, 0126, 6950U – mx – Guitar. (AF Poor)

#### WHYP (whyp6925@yahoo.com)

- 08/24/03, 0126-0210, 6925A – mx – The Ramones, 10,000 Maniacs. (WH-IL 244)(WS-TN Fair)(DC-PA Good)
- 08/29/03, 0120-0122, 6925A – mx – a rap version of "Pop goes the Weasel." A reading of a Monitoring Times column by the fab marvy George Zeller. (WH-IL 123)(DC-PA Good)
- 08/29/03, 0203-0219\*, 6925A – mx – Various. JB giving the email address before signoff. (RD-PA Fair)
- 09/06/03, 2320-0210\*, 6925A – mx – an RPM-challenged version of "Soldier of Love", commentary by Bozo. Parody advertisements. A KIPM spoof – "Root Beer Madness." His own software sandbags Mister Brownyard's show. "This Old Pirate" is heard once again. (AF Fair)(GM-CT 434)(WH-IL 244)(GZ-OH 353)
- 09/08/03, 0055, 6925A – mx – "the Cars that go Boom", "Beds are Burning", "Goodbye to You". (AF Good)
- 09/09/03, 0045-0104\*, 6925A – JB hosting a tribute to Warren Zevon "who passed away yesterday. (RD-PA Fair)
- 09/10/03, 0202, 6925A – Bozo, mx and wieners. (AF Poor)
- 09/13/03, 0004-0205, 6925L – testing with a 50W backup transmitter. (AF Good)(GM-CT 444)
- 09/13/03, 2122, 6925A – mx – "Welcome to the Boomtown", "Sweet Home Alabama". Sounds like a test. (AF Good)

#### WMFQ (Providence)

- 08/23/03, 0117-0150, 6925A – mx – Rock, some tunes played backwards. (WH-IL 244)(WS-TN Good)(DC-PA Good)

#### WMPR (FRN)

- 08/20/03, 0120, 6925A – mx – "Pirate Radio", "Solar Sex Panel". (AF Good)
- 08/24/03, 0042-0046, 6955A – mx – "Fascination Street". (AF Good)(WS-TN Good)
- 09/18/03, 2337, 6955A – "Right Here, Right Now." (AF Good)

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## TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

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#### UNID

- 08/23/03, 0140, 6950U – mx – Rock ballads, Christmas tunes. (WH-IL 133)



- 09/02/03, 0138, 6950A – mx – “Band on the Run.” (WS-TN Good)
- 09/07/03, 0115, 6940A – mx – Patriotic, Belafonte, FDR and Churchill speeches played. Signal sounded like USB and carrier, not true AM. (WH-IL 133)
- 09/07/03, 1248-1255\*, 6955A – mx – “Crazy About You.” Technically bad signal. (RE-CA Poor)
- 09/07/03, 1545, 6950U – singing, @ 1556 - talk. (JM-WA)
- 09/08/03, 0342, 6950U – mx. “Yo ho ho and a bottle of...” @ 0352. (JM-WA)
- 09/15/03, 0037-0106, 6925U – mx – Clapton, Stewart, Winwood. (WS-TN Fair)

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## TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

**Oct 1983:** ACE was 20 pages with a picture of the MV Mi Amigo on the cover. DiaLogs was 5 (!) pages, consisting of 1 NAm MW (KPRC), 8 NAm SW, 2 Euros, 7 Clandestines, and 4 unIDs, contributed by 12 reporters.

**Oct 1993:** ACE was 28 pages with a Wire Line Radio QSL on the cover. DiaLogs was 7 pages, consisting of 24 NAm SW, 1 Euro (Caroline on 6295), and 42 unIDs (a total of 2 1/2 pages!) contributed by at least 14 reporters.

## RAMBLINGS

Again, to reiterate – I’ve moved – see the column header for new address and email! Old email address is going away real soon.

That clandestine’s address is –  
 P.O.Box 703  
 Eugene, OR 97440

Thanks, as ever, to all who got off their duffs and sent in logs!

Well, the fall is upon us at last. Cool, clear days, the trees changing colors and, at long last, a decline in the endless static and lightning crashes of summer. Can’t stand summer myself – I guess if I was into high temperatures, high humidity levels, sunburn, clouds of biting insects and sweat pouring down the crack of my butt like Niagara Falls I’d be happier’n a pig in poop – but I ain’t. Summer bites the big one. Period. Good riddance to it.

The fab marvy George Zeller comments in one report that he is pleased to see that Pirate activity seems to be coalescing around a single frequency of late. This will, George sez, help in developing a larger audience for the broadcasters.

For the true believers amongst us I have lucked into a nice line of metallic beanies for lining your hat/baseball cap or just for going to that local rave. Designed by *wunderkind* Michael Faraday (of Cage Fashions, NYC) and woven in a combination of fine copper wire and Kevlar threads it’s not only protection from those malevolent outside forces that influence our lives but it’s also a pretty spiffy fashion statement. Guaranteed to eliminate 98.7094% of all outside electromagnetic (and other) radiation from the inside of your head! (Also doubles as a pretty nice yarmulke – be the first in Temple to sport one of these multi-purpose wonders – be the envy of your congregation!) Write Box 1 for details. [don’t even bother. jta]

Rudy Elsen checked in again this month after braving cold, isolation, bears and candidates for the governorship of California to do a little listening from a better spot than is usual for him. He was rewarded by the KIPM marathon – which he found highly enjoyable.

This just in – Rudy is **not**, repeat, **not** running for the governorship of his state.

I’m still busy moving house at the time this column is being written (mid-September) but the shack benches are built, storage shelves are going up and it looks like I’ll be able to get a decent length wire up for listening. So not all is lost at the new household.

Quick rant – why the hell doesn’t anyone manufacture a WWVB-synchronized (read: *atomic*) analog wall clock that can be set for UTC? Or that has a true 24-hour dial?

Now all I need is for Jeanne Meserve (of CNN fame) to decide she wants me to be her plaything and I’m all set (*contrary to what you may hear, Man cannot live by Pirate Radio alone!*) Mind you, if she happens to own an RX-340 she’ll be even *more* welcome to knock at my door!

You know, looking at my comments above – I figger I’m getting as crusty as ol’ JTA! But I’m waaaay cuter. (*Then, again, a concrete garden gnome’s cuter than JTA!*) [*that’s not what my cat said about you!* jta]

## STATISTICS

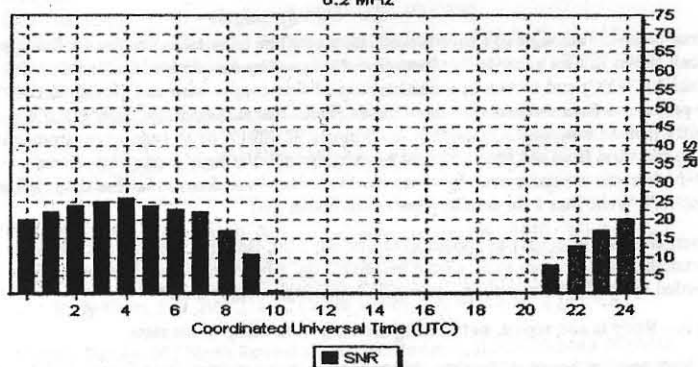
Sorry, not this month – next month, I promise. Gotta finish getting moved first so I have some spare time!

## PROPAGATION

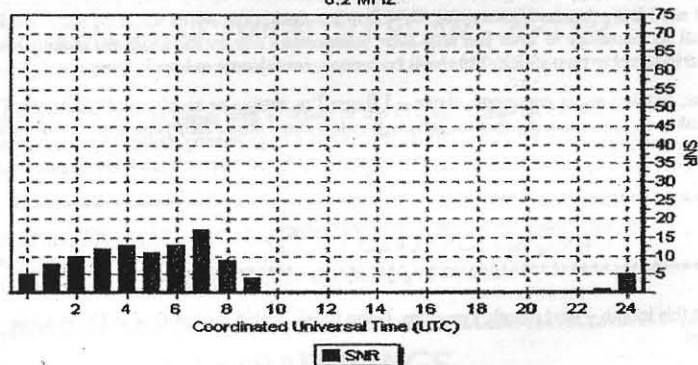
Seeing as we’re finally moving back into civilized weather and radio conditions, I figure some of you will be after listening to Europirates once again down in the 6.2 to 6.4 MHz regions. One of the best times to listen for them is around 0800 their local time on a Sunday morning (this is when many of them sign on for the day’s broadcasting) – this translates out to about 0600-0700 UTC Sunday.

Take a look at the charts I worked up last season for this path – the lower sunspot numbers this time around result in lower SNRs than, say, nine or ten months ago. Get ‘em while you can, people – we’re on the down side of the sunspot cycle!

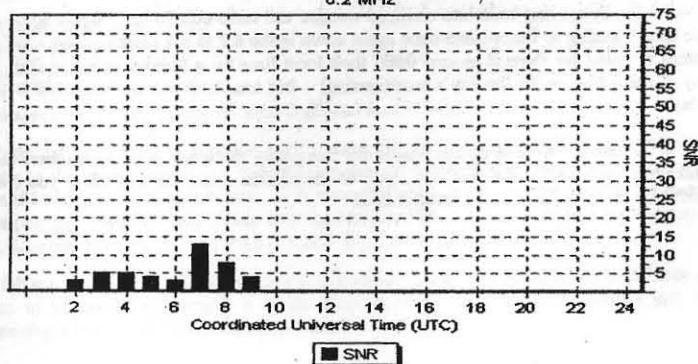
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6.2 MHz



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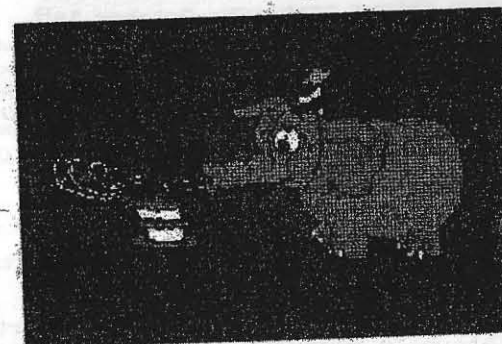


Oct. 2003 SSN: 56 Los Angeles, CA to Amsterdam, Netherlands  
6.2 MHz



Here's another "collectable" from my QSL binder(s). If you're tired of seeing my name on all the illustrations, feel free to send scanned images of yours for use.

## LA VOZ DE MUNDANO TIEMPO



Thank you for your report of reception to La Voz de Mundano Tiempo, the first world beat pirate in North America. I am pleased to confirm that you heard us.

DATE: September 6, 1997

TIME: \*1730-1812\* UTC

FREQUENCY: 6955 kHz

QSL #6 to John T. Arthur of Belfast, NY

73's from a real alternative pirate!

Eric Williams, Station Manager  
Apartado 1, Belfast, NY 14711 USA

Wonder if we'll ever hear this one again?

# VERIED RESPONSE

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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: October 19<sup>th</sup>

Well, it looks like another sloooowwww month for the *VERIED RESPONSE* editor, but I did want to thank Woody Smith for his contributions. We are also running *FREE RADIO STATS* as well.

No one sent in any updated totals from the last time we ran it though... are you still interested?

GRASSCUTTER RADIO. Full data green card for report to FRN from broadcast about 12 days previous. [Smith-TN] Same, thanks mannnnnnnnn. [Lobdell-MA]

SUNSHINE RADIO. Full data sun card for report to FRN from broadcast about 4 days previous. [Smith-TN] Same, thanks Sunshine lady! [Lobdell-MA]

Veried Response presents another A\*C\*E Special feature:

Free Radio Statistics  
formerly: The Scoreboard

If you're not listed and a member of the ACE, send in yours and if you are listed, send in those updated totals as soon as you can. And note that we have now included medium wave and FM QSLs as well.

## KEY:

NAM = North American Pirate QSLs, including Canada  
For = Foreign Pirate QSLs, outside NAM  
dif = number of different stations represented  
Tot = total different Pirate QSLs, NAM + For  
MW/FM = Total medium wave & FM QSLs

name-state	--pirates--			cland-		Best QSL
	NAM/dif	For/dif	Tot	tot/dif	MW/FM	
G Zeller-OH	500/352	10/10	362	8/8		WHBH bust
J Arthur-NY	520/290	23/19	309	4/4	26/22	SML Ltd
T Provance-CA	430/251	21/16	267	14/11		Vo Acid
P Murphy-VA	248/196	19/15	211			CSIC chicken
C Smolinski-MD	180/152	21/15	201	2/2		VoVoyager bust
B Stacey-AL	262/136	2/2	138			Zepplin R WW
C Lobdell-MA	90/75	29/27	102			R Mi Amigo
S Gentry-IL	129/77	6/3	80			KMCR
R D'Angelo-PA	69/63	18/15	78	29/27		He-Man R
S Rogovich-VA	56/52	2/2	54			R Clandestine
B Wooten-GA	16/13		13			

The ACE QSL Statistics appear in the Feb., June, and Oct. editions of *Veried Response*. Kindly update your totals in January, May, and/or September for inclusion; mail them to: ACE Stats, PO Box 146, Stoneham, MA 02180 or email to the *Veried Response* address.

Please note that the ACE Stats are \*only\* available to A\*C\*E members!

Until next month, Happy Pirate DX! Send in those QSLs!

-Chris



# the ASSOCIATION of CLANDESTINE radio ENTHUSIASTS

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